

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #115:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

Back home in Oak Park. It was a busy but very productive trip. I started the trip by viewing NAC, Nomos, Leu and finally Hess-Divo over the course of a week. Both Nomos and NAC were strong auctions. There were some incredibly strong hammers, particularly in Greek silver and bronze surprisingly. I remember just a few years ago when buying Roman aurei was beyond impossible. Now it is attainable at reasonable levels. I guess if you wait long enough prices circle back around. This week will be a lot less busy than last this week but there still are some exciting auctions around the corner.

CNG E Auction 444 (closes May 15)

This sale features 680 lots of ancient and world coinage. There are a few named collections that are quite lovely. One in particular is the Richard Sharf collection which is a group of Greek coinage, many with older pedigrees. Some of the coins are toned and worth further consideration. There are also more coins from the 1887 East Harptree, Somerset Hoard. This group of late Roman siliqua is made up of sharply struck examples. A nice opportunity to get coins from an over 100 year old hoard. CNG also will conduct their 111th mail bid sale at the end of the month which I will cover in the upcoming newsletters. Please get in touch if you need assistance with the 444th e auction.

Peus Auction 424 (Live from May 15-17)

Peus has an interesting three day live sale starting on May 15. There are 395 lots in session one that comprise ancient coins. The remainder of the sale focuses on world and German coinage. The auction house Peus has a long history dating back to the early 1900's when it was associated with the celebrated auction house of Adolph Hess. My belief is due to this long numismatic history Peus continues to get old collections

offered to them for sale in their auctions. If you want to learn more about auction 424 please use this link:

<https://www.peus-muenzen.de/en/current-auction-sales.aspx>

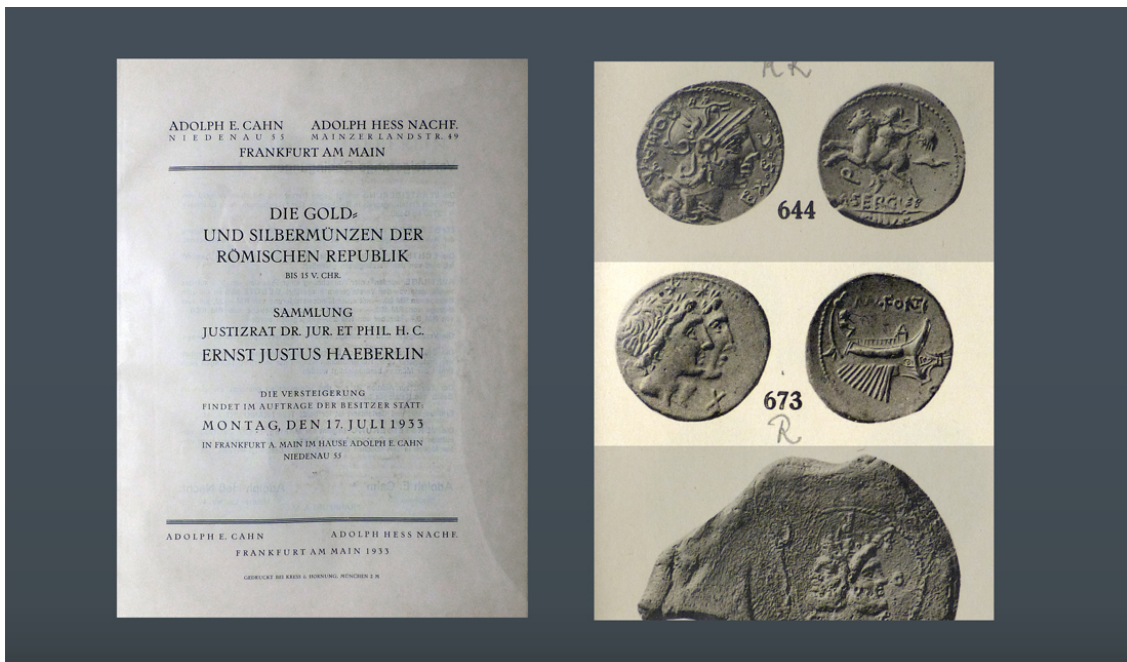
For those of us living in the U.S. we are in the unfortunate position to have to get up at around 2 a.m. for this auction (starting at 9 a.m. in Frankfurt, Germany). I am planning to participate in this auction if I have enough customer interest so please get in touch soon if you would like representation.

Münzen und Medaillen Germany 48 (Live on May 24)

M&M Germany will hold its 48th live auction on May 24th for 1,043 coins. Along with ancient coins there are also over 100 lots of numismatic literature. There are several pedigreed lots with a few real gems. I'm planning to participate in the auction so please get in touch.

ANA Board of Governors Election

If you are a member of the ANA you will be receiving a ballot in the mail sometime in June for the election. I am running for the board and I hope you will vote for me. The ANA is not a political entity but focused on the education and collection nurturing of the young and old. They have their headquarters in Colorado and also have a museum at the same location. We all know the ANA as collectors and dealers because of the important trade shows that they hold a few times a year. The ANA has educational summer seminars that are held annually in their Colorado headquarters. I'm excited about bringing some new ideas to the board if given the opportunity. If you aren't a member of the ANA please consider joining. It isn't expensive and every penny will be well spent if you are a collector. Bringing new collectors into the fold is important for the continuation of our important hobby. If you have any questions for me on my candidacy please get in touch. I'd love to chat about it.





Coin of the Week

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ROMAN REPUBLIC. Mn. Fonteï. Rome, 108/107 BC

AR Denarius, 3.97g (19mm, 3h). Jugate, laureate heads of Dioscuri r.; below their chins, 'X'. Border of dots / Ship r., above M FONTE I; below, control-mark; border of dots.

Pedigree: Ex Haeberlin Collection. Cahn, Hess 17 July 1933, lot 673. Ex M&M 12 Nov 1970, lot 286. Ex Galerie des Monnaies. Ex Spink 15 Feb 1977, lot 18. Ex Leo Benz Collection, Lanz, 23 Nov 1998, lot 366

Price: \$2,000

This coin was from the Haeberlin collection. The Ernst J. Haeberlin Collection was one of the premier Republican collections ever to come to the numismatic market. The auction was done by the eminent dealer Herbert Cahn (1915–2002) in 1933 just prior to the Nazi's rise to power. In fact, Herbert Cahn left Germany that same year and emigrated to Switzerland where he formed the numismatic firm Münzhandlung Basel (which transformed later into Münzen und Medaillen AG). Almost 40 years later the coin made it way back to auction through M&M AG where it was sold to Galerie des Monnaies later it ended up in a Spink London sale in 1977 where the Republican collector Leo Benz purchased it. Hubert Lanz put together a sale of Leo Benz coins after his death in 1998. This coin has almost a more impressive background than anything else!

References: Crawford 307/1b. FFC 715 (this coin). BMCRR 1230

Grade: Some roughness in the fields. Lovely cabinet toning and pleasant strike. Nice and complete reverse strike. aEF

rr1132

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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